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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 380 (Steinberg), as introduced on February 14, 2003, would require the restructuring of the Children's System of Care program to include children's outcome measurements. The Governor directed the State Department of Mental Health to provide better program accountability in his veto message which reduced funding for the program in the FY 2002-03 Budget Act. In December of 2002, the State Department of Mental Health issued regulations to establish program outcome measurements. AB 380 would codify these regulations by requiring each county that participates in the Children's System of Care program to collect and annually provide to the State Department of Mental Health information that demonstrates the effectiveness of the program based on outcomes achieved for individual participants.

The County Department of Mental Health (DMH) indicates that the Children's System of Care program has improved children's academic performance, assisted family reunification, and improved coordinated community-based care. However, advocates believe funding for the program is vulnerable to reduction if program outcomes and savings information is not documented. The Department is already complying with State Department of Mental Health regulations to collect and report client outcome data. Because AB 380 will improve outcome measurements and reinforce the Governor's

support for the Children's System of Care program, DMH recommends that the County support AB 380, and we concur. Support for AB 380 is consistent with existing Board policy to provide services under the Children's System of Care program. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will seek passage of AB 380.** AB 380 is sponsored by the California Mental Health Directors Association and there is no registered support or opposition. It is set for hearing on April 8, 2003 in the Assembly Health Committee.

AB 1531 (Longville), as introduced on February 21, 2003, **and SB 430 (Johnson)**, as introduced on February 20, 2003, would revise existing primary election laws to mandate the statewide direct primary election be held on different days than the presidential primary elections. AB 1531 would mandate that the statewide direct primary election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each even-numbered year. SB 430 would require that it be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September of each even-numbered year. Existing law requires that the statewide direct primary election be held on the first Tuesday in March in each even-numbered year.

Because AB 1531 and SB 430 would result in additional County primary election costs of \$15 million to \$17 million, beginning in 2004, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk recommends that the County oppose both measures, and we concur. Opposition is consistent with Board action on July 2, 2002 to oppose SB 1975 (Johnson) which would have mandated three statewide elections during Presidential election years and two elections in gubernatorial years. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will oppose these bills.**

AB 1531 is currently in the Assembly Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee with no hearing date set. It is opposed by the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO). There is currently no registered support. SB 430 is in the Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee with no hearing date set.

SB 465 (Soto), as amended on March 26, 2003, would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages. Specifically, the bill would 1) allow local governments to establish new Transit Village Redevelopment Plans (TVRP) centered on a rail transit station, and extending up to one-half mile from the rail station, 2) make affordable housing a "characteristic" to be addressed by a TVRP, 3) create new "blight" criteria for TVRP projects, and 4) extend the tax increment benefit to 60 years and exempt or cap TVRP's obligations to pass through a share of tax growth to cities and counties. SB 465 is sponsored by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

Existing law, the Community Redevelopment Reform Act of 1993 (AB 1290), curbed redevelopment abuse by tightening the definition of "blight" needed to invoke redevelopment powers. It also placed other limitations and requirements on projects and mandated "pass-through" of a share of diverted taxes to affected localities. SB 465 would eliminate the burden of blight findings from the current redevelopment adoption process, and eliminate currently required pass-through payments. This would result in significant loss of County tax revenues. In general, for each \$1 million of redevelopment tax diversion, local government loses 47% and the State loses 53% because it must backfill the lost revenues to local schools.

Because SB 465 would divert local tax revenues from critical County services, our Sacramento advocates will oppose this bill. Opposition is consistent with existing Board policy to oppose any redevelopment legislation which would cause the County to lose revenues or which would limit or repeal provisions of AB 1290. The bill is set for hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee on April 2, 2003.

Status of County Interest Bills

County-supported AB 26 (Pacheco), which would require the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide certain information on the Internet regarding sex offenders, was amended on March 26, 2003. AB 26 now requires the DOJ to provide information on the Internet regarding registered sex offenders who are serious or high risk offenders, rather than all sex offenders. It also appropriates an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the DOJ to create the Web site. AB 26 is scheduled to be heard on April 1, 2003 in the Assembly Public Safety Committee. Our Sacramento advocates will continue to support AB 26.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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